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Face the trash

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Bradley Maule at exhibit "One Man's Trash." / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Mayoral hopefuls: Is your school plan real?

Schools. Philly's Democratic mayoral candidates are put on the hot seat in our weekly feature, The Short Answer. They've got 50 words to answer a tough question. This week: Mayor Nutter has roundly bashed the candidates' school funding plans as shortsighted. Can they convince you their plans will work? PAGE 02

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Guest editor

Metro's going Mad

Matthew Weiner, creator of "Mad Men," will be guest editor of Friday's Metro. Tweet us your questions for Weiner at @Metro_US.

The Short Answer: School funding plan

Schools. The mayor and his finance director have called your school finance plans inadequate. Convince voters that education in Philadelphia will be different.

Each week, we ask the mayoral candidates a question. We give them 50 words to answer it. Got a question? Send it to dan.kelley@metro.us



"Before increasing taxes, I'd allow the governor's budget to provide us some assistance. As mayor, I'd work with educational experts and others to create a school system that we believe will educate kids before trying to permanently fund something that we all generally agree wouldn't work, with or without money."

Doug Oliver



"Unlike my fellow candidates' proposals, my plan will provide \$105 million to schools from recurring revenue sources that are under mayoral control. Through reverse auctioning procurement, zero-based budgeting and increasing the land value of tax abated properties, we will fund schools by asking the wealthy to pay their fair share." Jim Kenney



"I want to change to a K-14 education model, giving high schoolers extra time to graduate with skills/certifications or an associates degree, so they'll be prepared — upon graduation — for a career or college. I believe we need an integrated approach that prioritizes quality, centers on students and families and values educators."

Tony Williams



"I have a comprehensive plan on my website to appropriately fund education; that's why The Inquirer said that my 'detailed proposals come closest' to what our schools need. We need to invest hundreds of millions more in schools and shift the tax burden off the poor and middle class."

Nelson Diaz



"Local revenue streams are a crucial priority. The focus must be on the real culprit—separate but equal funding from the state. It's wrong that Philadelphia gets less state funding than more affluent areas. That's the biggest problem. I'll take Harrisburg to federal court if we don't get equal funding."

Lynne Abraham



Listen to Mother Nature and go vegan

From left, Randi Fair, Elena Cohen and Ashley Byrne, all members of PETA, turned heads on Independence Mall Tuesday as they appeared naked covered only in body paint to raise awareness about a vegan diet the day before Earth Day. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Cable. Six US Senators call to reject Comcast-TWC merger

Six U.S. senators on Tuesday asked the Federal Communications Commission and Justice Department to reject the proposed \$45 billion merger of the country's largest cable providers, Comcast Corp. and Time Warner Cable Inc.

The call came from Democratic Senators Al Franken, Edward Markey, Ron Wyden, Elizabeth Warren and Richard Blumenthal, alongside Independent Senator Bernie Sanders, in letters to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

"Should the transaction survive the FCC's and DOJ's reviews, we believe that Comcast-TWC's unmatched power in the telecommunications industry would lead to higher prices, fewer choices and poorer quality services for

Quoted

"These benefits all come with no reduction in competition for consumers."

Fitzmaurice

Americans," they wrote in a rare direct call for a rejection by multiple lawmakers.

The company on Tuesday pushed back against the senators' concerns. Spokeswoman Sena Fitzmaurice, in a statement, said the benefits of the deal were "demonstrated and real," saying they included faster Internet speeds and better video services for more consumers and better connectivity for low-income Americans.

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Did Pa. students hold 'anti-gay' event at school?

A group of teens at a high school outside Pittsburgh reportedly organized an anti-gay event at their school last week, one day after the school held a "Day of Silence" event.

The students at McGuffey High School in



A pro-gay counterprotest. / KAREN CORONA MERRITT/FACEBOOK

Claysville, Pa. have been alleged to have worn all flannel, written Bible verses on other students' lockers, written "anti-gay"

on their hands, hung a noose on a teacher's doorknob and used gay slurs at some students on Thursday, one day after

the school held a "Day of Silence," BuzzFeed reported.

The McGuffey School District is investigating allegations that the anti-gay event occurred but did not confirm it happened.

Pro-gay students held a counterprotest Monday (pictured) to demand punishment against the students involved.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Court. Judge to rule on releasing video of police shooting

A Pennsylvania judge on Tuesday considered publicly releasing a graphic video that may shed light on the fatal shooting of an unarmed man by a police officer during an attempted traffic stop in February.

Officer Lisa Mearkle, 36, a veteran of the Hummelstown Police Department, is charged with criminal homicide in the death of David Kassick, 59, on February 2.

Mearkle had pulled him over for expired inspection and emissions stickers, and he ran. She initially brought him down with her Taser, which was equipped with a camera that captured the video.

At a hearing before Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas Judge Deborah Curcillo, all sides noted the likelihood of intense interest in the video after a series of fatal shootings of unarmed black men by white police officers in the United States. Both Mearkle and Kassick are white.

Mearkle's lawyers argued against releasing the video, saying the surrounding publicity would make it difficult to select an impartial jury at trial.

"We don't want the

Allegations

Kassick was facedown on the ground and trying to remove the Taser prongs when Mearkle allegedly shot him twice in the back with her service revolver, which was in her other hand.

- Her attorneys have said she feared Kassick was reaching for a weapon. No weapon was found on his body.

Quoted

"If you're going to release the video, then release everything, including Mr. Kassick's prison record."

Perry

nation and the world discussing this video," said attorney Brian Perry. "We don't want the public picking it apart and forming an opinion on the case."

"If you're going to release the video, then release everything, including Mr. Kassick's prison record," Perry told the judge. **REUTERS**

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This bench studies air

EPA engineer Gayle Hagler explains some of the technology as the EPA unveiled a new park bench on Independence Mall Tuesday that measures air quality and weather and is powered by solar panels and a small wind turbine.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The Wissahickon's shameful collection unveiled in Philly

Clean it up. An Earth Day show displays all the garbage one man found in a park over a year.

If one man's trash is another man's treasure, then the Wissahickon is a veritable gold mine.

Dismayed by the amount of garbage he saw in one of the city's preeminent green spaces, Bradley Maule collected nearly 4,000 pieces of garbage over the course of one year to create "One Man's Trash," an exhibition at the Fairmount Waterworks, which opens on Earth Day.

Maule's walks yielded 3,786 items of garbage including 347 aluminum beer cans, 255 water bot-



Bradley Maule in the Fairmount Waterworks surrounded by the pieces of garbage he collected for the exhibition "One Man's Trash." / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

tlies, 149 glass bottles, 55 Wawa-brand items, 22 socks, 22 gloves, seven pairs of underwear and three pregnancy tests.

That doesn't count the really big stuff like tires, car fenders and wooden

pallets. He did not find any dead bodies, although he was told to expect them.

Maule said his goal was to exhibit the garbage he collected, most of which is on display hanging from the ceiling in plastic bags,

to raise "awareness of the problem."

"In the Wissahickon, I've always been bummed by just how much trash there is," said Maule, a Mt. Airy resident. "It's the most beautiful place in this

city. People need a beautiful place to escape to. To see it abused with plastic bags, plastic water bottles, plastic Gatorade bottles — there's just so much plastic."

Beyond the typical food wastes, Maule pulled out several pieces of truly bizarre items for the show — drivers' licenses, 21 pictures of a goat, floppy disks, a "doob tube" to carry marijuana from a California dispensary and a bag filled with old-fashioned pull-tab aluminum cans.

"Pull-tabs were discontinued around 1980, being replaced by stay-tabs," Maule said. "So that pretty much guarantees these 41 cans being at least 35 years old."

In the hundreds of plastic water bottles, Maule sees the lost money spent on bottled water when the



Visit **Metro.us** to read more about the exhibition and Earth Day events.

U.S. has some of the cleanest municipal water systems in the world.

"Litter, as long as it's on the ground, is going to end up in the waterways," he said.

The show also includes photography of Wissahickon's Devil's Pool by Sarah K. Kaufman, an art professor at Ursinus College.



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Drought

Beverly Hills considers empty pools, \$1,000 fines

Beverly Hills, the southern California city whose name evokes Hollywood-tinged glamour and luxury, is considering banning the refilling of swimming pools and fining residents \$1,000 for water violations.



Beverly Hills / GETTY IMAGES

Faced with an order from the governor to cut water use dramatically as the state reels from a three-year drought, city council members were expected to meet most of Tuesday afternoon before voting on which restrictions to impose on their well-heeled residents.

Beverly Hills is one of the nation's most affluent cities, with palm tree-lined

avenues and mansions surrounded by emerald-green lawns, fountains and pools.

California's upscale communities have been criticized for using more water than working-class cities and towns as the state grapples with a devastating drought that has already forced tough new conservation measures and badly depleted reservoirs.

REUTERS

Mad Metro



Matthew Weiner / GETTY IMAGES

Tweet us your questions for "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner at [@Metro_US](https://twitter.com/Metro_US).



Betty Francis (January Jones), Sally Draper (Kiernan Shipka), Megan Draper (Jessica Pare), Don Draper (Jon Hamm), Peggy Olson (Elisabeth Moss) and Joan Harris (Christina Hendricks) / FRANK OCKENFELS 3/AMC

Guest Editor. Matthew Weiner, creator of Mad Men, takes over Friday's paper.

The current golden age of television might have started with the morally fraught, violent world of "The Sopranos," but the sense that TV shows had become a new art form entirely was solidified by the premiere of "Mad Men" in 2007. The series, an impeccably directed, pristinely costumed look at a group of ad men (and women) in the '60s, was the brainchild of

Matthew Weiner, who, by the way, also worked on "The Sopranos." As the series draws to a close this spring, dark, twisted prestige dramas asking big questions about the human condition are more and more common, and there's little question that the show has influenced that rise. In honor of the ending of one of our favorite shows, we've invited Weiner himself in to guest edit this weekend's edition. Make sure to pick up a copy Friday to read Weiner's thoughts on the end of his show, and more from the "Mad Men" maestro.

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With a prince's backing. James Murdoch may soon ascend at Fox

Saudi Arabia's Prince Alwaleed bin Talal has no doubt that James Murdoch is ready to take a much bigger role at 21st Century Fox, by far the largest part of the media empire that James' father Rupert Murdoch built.

"James is a giant!" said Alwaleed, a Murdoch family ally and one of Fox's top shareholders. In particular, Alwaleed points to what he says is James' ability to grasp the digital world and understand how it is transforming the media landscape, adding: "I really love him!"

The billionaire prince's seal of approval — and increasing acceptance of James by other shareholders — may be laying the groundwork for Fox to give the 42-year-old day-to-day control of the company sooner rather than later.

One person familiar with the family's thinking said James, who is currently co-chief operating



James Murdoch / GETTY IMAGES

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Prince Alwaleed bin Talal has a 6.6 percent voting stake in Fox.

officer with Chase Carey, could take over fully from Carey — who also holds the title of president — as early as the end of this year.

The source cautioned that the change hasn't

been formalized and could be subject to delay. It is also unclear what title James would take or whether there is any possibility that Rupert Murdoch, 84, would relinquish the Fox CEO position to him anytime soon.

Carey's contract is set to expire on June 30, 2016, but he can leave the company as early as the end of this year with six months' notice. **REUTERS**

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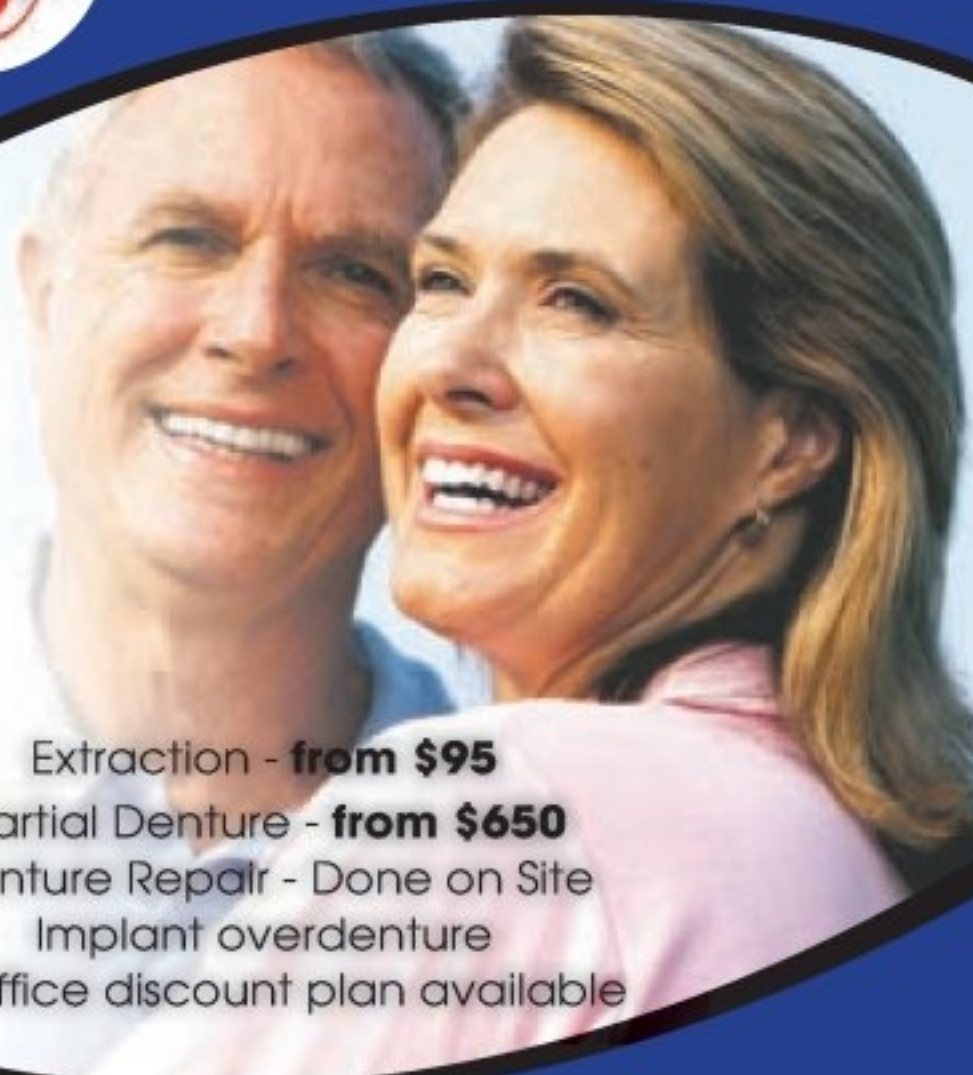
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Congress to probe sex parties for leaks, DEA chief expected to step down

A U.S. congressional panel will examine whether federal Drug Enforcement Administration agents divulged secrets at sex parties that Colombian drug lords may have staged to elicit sensitive information.

Following revelations of misconduct by DEA agents, a senior Obama administration official told Reuters on Tuesday that DEA chief Michele Leonhart, who was grilled in a congressional hearing last week about the sex parties, was expected to step down from her post in the near future.

A DEA spokesman had no immediate comment.

A spokeswoman for

the Republican majority of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform said the panel's leaks inquiry would also examine the culture and leadership of the DEA and other Justice Department investigative agencies.

The events with prostitutes took place between 2001 and 2005, but U.S. officials said the DEA did not investigate them until years later.

Leonhart's testimony at the hearing, supplemented by two U.S. government reports, raised concern among lawmakers that agents might have leaked secrets about their investigations that found their way to the Colombian drug lords.

REUTERS

LEONHART
GETTY IMAGES

Congressman who posed with gun in office could face probe

A Republican member of Congress who posed for a photo with an assault rifle in his office could face investigation for violating the District of Columbia's gun laws.

Representative Ken Buck of Colorado on Thursday tweeted a picture of himself and Representative Trey Gowdy, a Republican from South Carolina, holding an AR-15 rifle.

Reporters alerted the office of District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine to the photo, and the information was passed on to the city's Metropolitan Police Department to investigate, said spokesman Robert Marus. REUTERS

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Justice Dept. investigating death of Baltimore man after arrest

The U.S. Justice Department said on Tuesday that it is gathering information to determine whether it can bring civil rights charges in the death of a man who died after being arrested by Baltimore police.

Freddie Gray, a 27-year-old black man, was arrested by white officers on April 12 and died days later after slipping into a coma. A preliminary autopsy report said he died from a spinal injury. **REUTERS**

Maine governor wants constitutional amendment to abolish state income tax

Maine Gov. Paul LePage on Tuesday proposed amending the state's constitution to eliminate the income tax, telling lawmakers the strategy was the best way to make the tax cut he desires permanent.

The proposal, opposed by Democrats who control the state House of Representatives, would insert language in the state's 195-year-old constitution permanently prohibiting the Legislature from imposing "a tax upon the income of any person," beginning in 2020.

REUTERS



LEPAGE

Nine people charged in bourbon heist

Nine people were charged in Kentucky on Tuesday with stealing more than \$100,000 worth of bourbon whiskey, including the prized Pappy Van Winkle brand and Wild Turkey.

Prosecutors say the scheme involved a group of people who knew each other through softball and relied on workers at two Kentucky distilleries who had been taking whiskey for at least seven years.

Franklin County sheriff's officers, acting on a tip, discovered stolen barrels of whiskey behind a shed on the property of Gilbert "Toby" Curtsinger.

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Twitter unveils crackdown. Says it 'sucked' at fighting cyberbullies

If the victim of cyberbul-
lies doesn't see the abuse,
does that mean it didn't
happen?

That "if a tree falls in
the forest" question is one
of the approaches Twitter
is taking in a multi-
pronged war on trolls and
Net cowards who hide be-
hind anonymous handles
to harass and sometimes
physically threaten their
targets.

New tools will search
for words and language
patterns and filter them
out of users' notifications,
the messages Twitter
users get when they are
engaged or mentioned in
tweets.

"We believe that users
must feel safe on Twitter
in order to fully express
themselves," officials
posted on the social media
giant's blog.

"We need to ensure
that voices are not si-
lenced because people are
afraid to speak up."

The company is also
defining, and in some



The changes come after an introspective Op-Ed in The Washington Post by
Twitter general counsel Vijaya Gadde that acknowledged the challenge of
attempting to bring some more order to social media. / GETTY IMAGES

ways making more vague,
what language makes a
tweet cross the sometimes
fine line between free
speech and abuse. It's
also putting in place rules
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An eye-popping, 100-carat diamond will be the highlight of a magnificent jewel sale in New York on Tuesday and could sell for up to \$25 million, Sotheby's auction house said. The perfect, classic emerald-cut, D color diamond, which was mined by De Beers in southern Africa, is the largest to be offered at auction and one of only five of similar quality and size to ever go under the hammer. "The 100.20 carat diamond is the definition of perfection," said Gary Schuler, the head of Sotheby's jewelry department in New York. "The color is whiter than white. It is free of any internal imperfections and so transparent that I can only compare it to a pool of water." A flawless pink diamond, dubbed the "Pink Star," set a world record price for a gemstone at auction when it sold for \$83.02 million in Geneva in 2013. **REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES**

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Tips for microfinancing



Kiva.org is a nonprofit that connects people who want to help those in need to people like Esperance (above), who can benefit from a loan of \$1,900 to buy fertilizer to grow rice. / KIVA.ORG

Budgeting. How to invest generously without going broke.

If you have \$25 to spare, you can lend it to an entrepreneur halfway across the world and feel like you are making a small difference. "People like microfinance because it's so specific," says Bob Harris, who wrote a book, "The International Bank of Bob," about his lending experiences. The 51-year-old Los Angeles author and screenwriter has been lending on Kiva.org since 2009 and is up to an amazing 7,625 loans amounting to more than \$190,000.

The concept has obviously pushed our emotional buttons. Kiva is now up to 1,276,189 lenders who have doled out \$691 million in loans. Funds raised on Indiegogo, a similar site, have increased 1,000 percent over the past two years, with 275,000 campaigns in total. And 8.3 million people have pledged \$1.6 billion to 81,000 different creative projects on Kickstarter.

Here are a few tips to microfinance responsibly:

Give yourself a cap

For crowdfunding aficionados, the sums can

certainly add up. Take \$20 here and \$20 there, and you are quickly into hundreds of dollars. Sam Dogen is a fan of Prosper.com, where you can lend to promising entrepreneurs and even get a nice return (assuming the money is paid back). In the past couple of years, the 38-year-old from San Francisco made more than 7 percent a year, much better than he could get by parking cash at the bank.

But Dogen, who runs the site FinancialSamurai.com and wrote the book "How To Engineer Your Layoff," admits the lending process is "addicting." So he limited himself to a few thousand dollars, issuing 25 loans of \$100 to \$250 a pop. He considers it part of his "alternative investments" bucket, putting in no more than what he can afford to lose.

Be patient

If you want to save the world, fine. But you do not have to drain your accounts and get it all done tomorrow. After all, loans at Kiva are repaid at a rate of 98.75 percent. Wait long enough — the terms of each loan repayment depend on the individual project — and the overwhelming odds are that your \$25 or \$50 will circle back around. Then you can send it back out and get your charitable fix all over again.

Get another opinion

If you are in a relationship, your partner can be a handy source of sober second thoughts. Make sure your family can afford whatever you are lending out. You can even include your kids in deciding what funds should go where and why, to help spur their own charitable impulses. "When you're in a partnership, you certainly don't want to be doing anything financially they don't have any knowledge of," advises New York financial therapist Amanda Clayman. She enjoys using the classroom-funding site DonorsChoose.org. **REUTERS**

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The girls of 'Full House' will be the grown-up stars of 'Fuller House'

John Stamos, the uncle we all wanted but avoided a lot of awkward family gatherings by not having, confirmed the "Full House" sequel rumors swirling since August to Jimmy Kimmel. But Uncle Jesse will be taking a backseat in "Fuller House," which will be all about the ladies: Netflix said the 13-episode series would focus on now-veterinarian D.J. Tanner-Fuller (Candace Cameron Bure), recently widowed and pregnant with her third child. To fill the house, her sister Stephanie and best friend Kimmy, plus teenage daughter, will move in to help with D.J.'s brood. Stamos will be a producer, but he'll only appear as a guest star, same as much of the original cast, who are still in negotiations. Now comes the real question: Will Mary-Kate



and Ashley Olsen take turns playing Michelle like they did on the

original show, or is there a separated-at-birth storyline to look forward to?

Zayn Malik already bored of 'regular' life after One Direction

Having realized that the life of the average 22-year-old sucks — student debt, applying for work in a tight job market, thinking seriously about moving back in with their parents — Zayn Malik has decided to pursue other ventures. Namely, the former One Direction member (as of less than a month ago) recently met with "Bend It Like Beckham" director Gurinder Chadha. She told Britain's Daily Mirror that Malik, who had trained as an actor before joining the boy band, is "staying true to his heart" by turning his attention to screen roles. She's working on a Bollywood musical adaptation of her hit soccer film but says Malik doesn't (yet?) have a part in it. We just have to say that if it really was the craziness of being in One Direction that caused him to quit, we're not sure how becoming a movie star in India is going to help.

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Twitter feed

Patton Oswalt is correcting himself, Jared Leto has a serious question, Ricky Martin knows what he wants and Sarah Silverman is dealing in extremes.

@pattonoswalt: Typo in last Tweet. Such is life (sips morning Bellini)

@JaredLeto: Does privacy matter?

@ricky_martin: "I want a relationship that is like super cool friendship with like kissing"

@SarahKSilverman: I'm either inspired & empowered or paralyzed & broken by the realization that absolutely nothing matters

Jon Stewart will hug out the end of 'The Daily Show'

The sad march toward a world without Jon Stewart tucking us into bed on "The Daily Show" continues. On Monday night's program, Stewart revealed that his final night behind the desk after 16 years would be Aug. 6. He promised to wear a suit and shower

for the occasion, which will involve one lucky fan getting a set visit, a hug and, the most prized of all celebrity swag, a selfie with Stewart. Better hope there are no tears, because we're only managing to hold it together about this as long as he is.

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Eva Kis takes on the world of gossip.



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Bobbi Kristina not improving, says Cissy Houston

There's some conflict among the Brown-Houston families about the condition of Whitney Houston's daughter, Bobbi Kristina, after her father claimed she had woken up from a medically induced coma over the weekend. Her grandmother, Cissy Houston, said yesterday that she

had visited Bobbi Kristina, 22, in the hospital and "according to the doctors, she has global and irreversible brain damage and remains unresponsive." She was also told that Bobbi Kristina could remain so for the rest of her life. "We can only trust in God for a miracle at this time."



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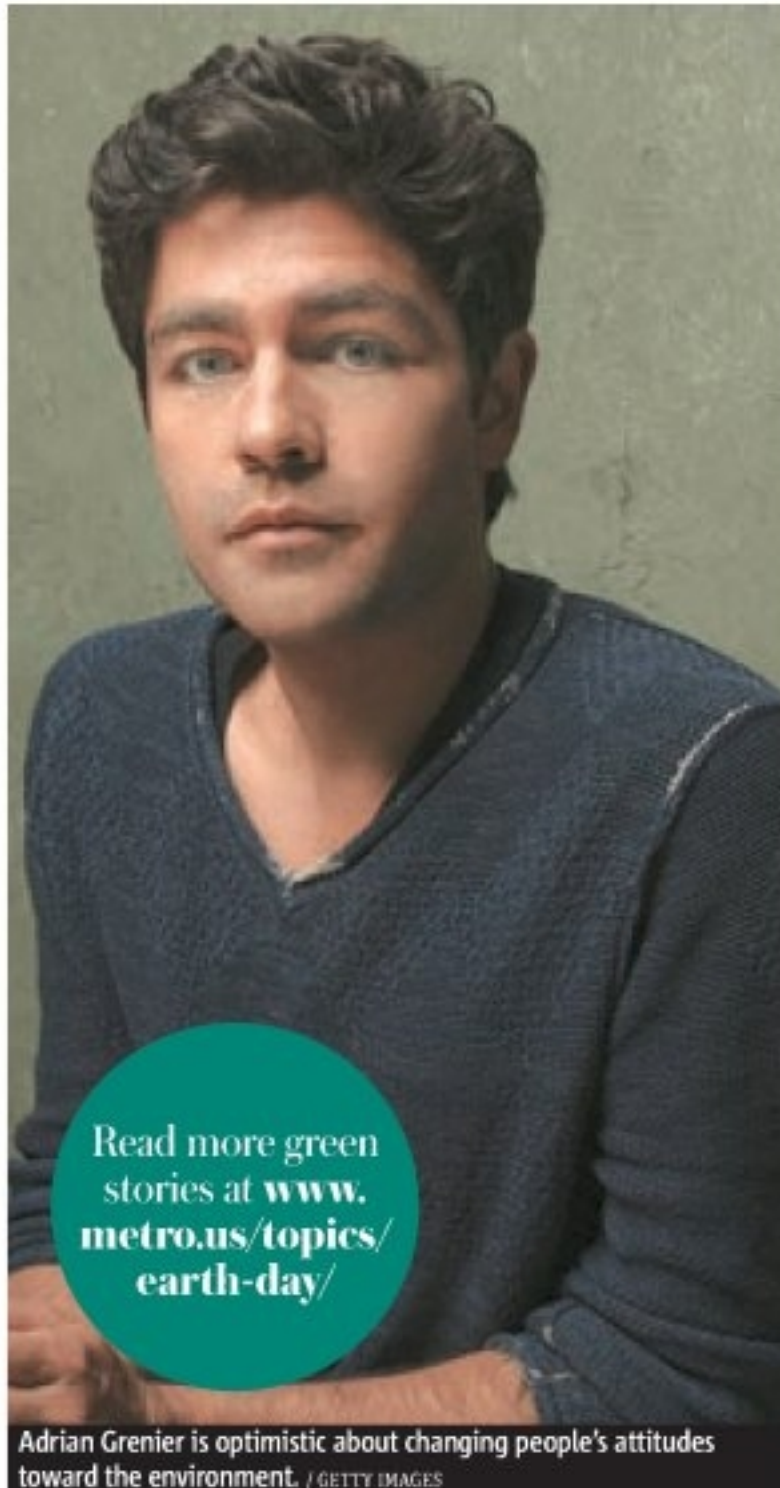
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Adrian Grenier wants you to get angry about the environment



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Adrian Grenier is optimistic about changing people's attitudes toward the environment. / GETTY IMAGES

Earth Day. He also wants you to stop throwing cigarette butts on the ground.

Adrian Grenier has taken on his biggest role yet as an environmental activist. In the spirit of Earth Day, Grenier talked to us about his pet peeves when it comes to environmentally unfriendly habits.

What sparked your passion for the environment? You're one of the most well-known celebrity environmental activists.

My passion for the environment comes from a human side, not my celebrity side. I care about people, and I want everyone to have the human right to have a clean environment to live in. When businesses or other people are destroying or polluting the environment, it's an offense, and I think it goes against our civil liberties.

What can people do daily to make their lives more sustainable?

Just get involved. Make the choice to be more engaged

with what's happening. I've never believed in creating a list of to-dos because I always imagine the more you know, the more involved you get and the more you can actually be effective in helping. If you have a list, it's almost as if you check it off and you're done, but it's more of a mentality and a lifestyle and a decision to care.

... I'm a very moderate environmentalist, believe it or not. I know that no one person can solve the problems of the planet. We really need to work together. That's why I try to do a lot of awareness work and try to get people into the conversation.

What was the pivotal moment for you that got you to get involved?

Every day is another pivotal moment. When you're watching and have your eyes opened and ears and heart open, it's incredible how many reasons there are every day, if you just look, to why you should care and why you should

be involved and try to find better ways of living on this planet. It can be daunting and upsetting, but it's ultimately exciting and inspiring because we have the opportunity to build a better world, and we can imagine a place where we live in harmony with not just each other but also Mother Nature.

What do you think is the most pressing issue in regards to our planet?

We need to really put a lot of focus on the oceans because a lot of people don't live near the oceans and absolutely aren't living under the oceans, so a lot of this stuff seems not even real. Yet the effects are going to be very real.

Are you hopeful about people's attitude toward the environment?

I'm very optimistic. We've come a long way, so I feel like we can do great things, but I'm not resting on that hope and optimism. We have to actually do the work.

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"My passion for the environment comes from a human side, not my celebrity side."

Grenier

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What's your pet peeve in terms of environmentally unfriendly practices that you see people doing more often than they probably realize?

Using plastic bags is totally unnecessary, and it's quite frustrating. It's also when people throw cigarette butts on the ground. It seems like such a minor, small thing, but it goes into our water drainage systems and into the oceans and there are lots of chemicals and toxins. It's one of the biggest human polluters, and it's completely avoidable.



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DRAMA

'The Americans'

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from his plans to save Nina, and Elizabeth and Paige head out of town together.

SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., FX

This is the most normal anyone has ever looked on "The Americans." Where are their wigs? / PATRICK HARBON, FX

REALITY

'American Idol'

The top five singers battle it out against each other, and one of them will be going home at the end of the night. Hope they've chosen their songs wisely.

8 P.M., FOX

COMEDY

'The Goldbergs'

Murray is thrilled Adam wants to play a sport but is less excited when he learns Adam wants to fence because of his love for "The Princess Bride."

8:30 P.M., ABC

MOVIE

'Captain America: The First Avenger'

Cap's debut movie has a cool, retro vibe and sees the hero battling Nazis and his own fears that he's a propaganda tool.

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Onetime **Devil's Alley** manager **Chris Younge** and entrepreneur **Jason Dills** will start to roar this July at their new spot, the **Little Lion**, which opens at the long-vacant corner space that once housed **Haru** (241 Chestnut).

While no executive chef or bar manager has been hired, the owners are saying the menu will be American comfort food.

Philly actor **Pearce Bunting**, who played bootlegger **Bill McCoy** in HBO's **"Boardwalk Empire"** alongside **Steve Buscemi**, will be in **Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"**, opening at **Plays & Players Theatre**.

"These are two of the most epic projects of my career, acting in an Albee play and doing 'Boardwalk' with Buscemi and **Martin Scorsese**," says Bunting. "Plus, there's a

weird connection between the two. In **Virginia Woolf**, my character tells a story about being 16 and drinking in a speakeasy during Prohibition. He had to be drinking the illegal booze that McCoy was selling to the bootleggers."

West Philly's **DJ Dozia** is now the resident DJ for **FOX29's Good Day Philadelphia**, just in time for the morning show's **#FoxFlashbackFriday** musical tributes to the '80s.

Manny Agigian Sr., the runner-up of TLC's **"Cake Boss: Next Great Baker,"** just became the executive pastry chef of **Rastelli Market Fresh** in Marlton, New Jersey. Order his personal favorite, the **Lemon Whip Cupcake**.

Director **Kevin Kerslake's** documentary on the late, Philly-born **Adam Goldstein — "As I AM: The Life and Times of DJ AM"** — opened at the **Tribeca Film Festival** and runs through Saturday.

Celebrity sightings

- Former Eagles QB **Michael Vick** celebrated the opening of wife **Kijafa Vick's** new store, **My Hair Closet**. The hair extensions and accessories shop opened at 828 N. Broad St. on Saturday.

- Onetime VH1 **"Mob Wives"** star **Alicia DiMichele** held a ribbon-cutting party for her self-named boutique at **The Promenade** at **Sagemore** in Marlton on Saturday.



- **Ellie Kemper**, the star of Upper Darby native **Tina Fey's** Netflix series **"Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,"** gave a talk at the **Penn Museum** on Tuesday.



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Haylie Duff has some 'Real Girl' advice

The actress' cooking show, "Real Girl's Kitchen," returns this weekend.



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If you've been feeling intimidated by the learning curve involved in becoming a better cook, take a page from Haylie Duff. The actress hosts "Real Girl's Kitchen" on the Cooking Channel and cheerfully calls herself "the cooking school dropout." After her lifestyle blog (also called "Real Girl's Kitchen") started taking off, Duff thought she might take some cooking classes, but movie shoots kept taking her away, and eventually Duff concluded she could get by without lessons. "If I can learn through trial and error, so can other people," she says. The new season of the show will feature a range of dishes, something Duff says she loves: "We're not really ever stuck in one style of food." Tune in for

Get a little help from a mandoline

Your knife skills may be without par, but there are times when it helps to get that little bit of extra assistance. That's why Duff recommends a mandoline. She says she uses hers "any time I'm making salad where I want to thinly slice radishes or celery. I have an apple fennel salad in my cookbook that I love, and you basically can't make it unless you have a mandoline," she says. "It gives a professional feel to thinly sliced vegetables."



fresh takes on ramen, a "killer" steak and Greek meatballs. We got a little inside info from the lifestyle expert on what her can't-miss kitchen items are.



Catch "Real Girl's Kitchen" on the Cooking Channel this Saturday at 1 p.m.
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Fave flavors

Garlic is a key part of any cook's repertoire, and Duff is no different. She says a garlic press is "definitely" one of her must-haves, and anyone who's ever made pasta sauce can guess why. "I use that so often because I hate having to sit there and chop garlic forever."

Skip the squeezing

Juicing lemons is all too often a foolproof test to find out if you've got any paper cuts. That's why Duff recommends getting a lemon juicer. "I put lemon in a lot of food, so any time that I can avoid

having to pick out seeds and things like that, I love it," she explains. "I feel like it's my go to."

Chopping skills

Your kitchen won't be complete without decent knives. "I have a bunch of knives, but the truth is I've got three that are just kind of my favorite, and I tend to go through those all the time," she says. So which ones make her list? "One's like a little paring knife that's serrated so it chops through everything that's tiny," says Duff. "Then two big six-inch and eight-inch chopping knives."

Recipe

Duff's Veggie/ Yogurt Sandwich

Serves 1

Ingredients:

- 1 cup fat-free Greek yogurt
- 2 sprigs chopped fresh dill
- 2 sprigs chopped fresh mint
- 1 pinch sea salt
- 1 sliced carrot
- 1 sliced avocado
- 6-8 slices cucumber
- 1 handful arugula sprouts
- 1 handful chopped walnuts

Directions:

Mix yogurt, dill and mint in a small mixing bowl.

Spread across both sides of bread.



Sprinkle with sea salt.

Layer remaining ingredients.

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It's easy to find a cookie-cutter apartment: Picture boxy design, lots of glass, maybe some dark metals with a bright accent or two. That kind of building can have its perks, but it looks like it could be anywhere.

For those seeking a bit more character, Philly also has plenty of new apartments in old factories, office buildings and schools. And while some renovations write over buildings' past lives, others honor the spaces' histories, preserving colorful graffiti, retro elevators and even chalkboards in their new incarnations.

Spiffed up history at Icon

The 25-story tower at 1616 Walnut has 85 years under its belt, but only one as luxury apartments. And luxurious it is, with sleek units and one of the city's best roof

Icon kept its Art Deco details.
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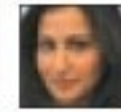
decks. But the rebirth didn't ignore the building's past. Developers preserved the striking Art Deco lobby with its cast-bronze facade and ornate elevators to match. The common areas have period touches too, like patterned floors and marble fireplaces.

Goldtex leaves its mark

This building at 12th and Wood was once a shoe factory and is now loft-style apartments. In

between, the 110-year-old structure was best known for blight; sitting vacant for a decade, it became the domain of squatters and trespassing street artists who tagged all the way up to the roof. Today, that roof boasts a pool and sun deck, but some of those tags remain visible. The same is true for the hallways, workout room and other common spaces, where designers have left graffiti-covered beams exposed and even commissioned new works in the same style.

Pineapples are having their moment.



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Pineapples have been everywhere. We've watched the graphic motif blossom as a key design trend, charming everyone from high fashion designers to home bloggers. And we're onboard. The tropical fruit with the wild top immediately conjures images of fun: summer vacations, carefree parties, pina colodas!

And of course the trend is going strong in the interior design world. Pineapples have long been a symbol of hospitality. During colonial days, sailors brought the fruit back from voyages to the Caribbean islands and displayed them outside of their house as a way of saying "Come over!" to their friends and neighbors.

The welcoming reputation stuck — it's why you can find so many vintage gold pineapple objects on Etsy. People loved decorating with them. So we say plop the cheery fruit on the table before your next party. And if, like us, you can't get enough, here are some of our favorite pineapple products.



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Get schooled at Mural Lofts

North Broad has seen an influx of new residents recently and will continue that trend with Mural Lofts, set to open later this year on Spring Garden. The brick shell was once a school, and each of the building's 56 units will have features

preserved from that past life, including chalkboards, bookshelves and wood floors. The lofts' developer has invested heavily on North Broad and is also planning an adaptive-reuse conversion for the palatial Divine Lorraine hotel a few blocks north, complete with dramatic balconies and a restored marble-laden lobby with a grand staircase.

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Horoscope

Taurus | April 21-May 21
Look for an artistic outlet. Home decorating will turn out well as long as you stick to a strict budget.

Gemini | May 22-June 20
Your emotional state will discourage personal discussions with others. You would be best off delving into expressive hobbies.

Cancer | June 21-July 22
Don't make important decisions. Confusion and uncertainty will prevail, making it difficult to do the right thing. Exposing too much information will put you in a vulnerable position.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
A new friendship will blossom. You have a lot to offer, but it's important not to provoke the jealousy of someone close.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Focus on a way to increase your income. Delve into work and money matters so that you have a perfect sense of where you sit financially.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Don't allow the actions or words of others to have a negative effect on you. Relatives or co-workers will be hard to get along with.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Personal matters will require your undivided attention. You will need to take on extra responsibilities, so be prepared to step up.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Moderation is key. You can make financial gains, but only if you are logical. Someone else's plan will not be in your best interest.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You have the energy and self-control to finish what you start. Leave yourself some time at the end of the day to enjoy pleasant recreation.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't get caught up in day-to-day routines. If you dedicate time to something you feel passionate about, success will follow.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Don't let anyone take you for granted. Doing things for others is commendable, as long as you take care of your needs as well.

Aries | March 21-April 20
An excursion will be eye-opening. Bring some laughter into your life by getting together with friends or doing something out of the ordinary. **EUGENIA LAST**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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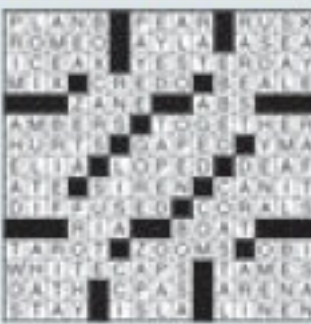
- 1 Dog owner's buy
- 6 Carpentry wedge
- 10 Tasty
- 14 Sharp, as hearing
- 15 BMW rival
- 16 She, to Marie
- 17 More ticked off
- 18 WWW addresses
- 19 "Betsy's Wedding" star
- 20 Yale athlete
- 21 Tokyo travel option (2 wds.)
- 24 Alter a ship's course
- 26 Shakes awake
- 27 Stout
- 28 Finish pie crust
- 30 Perfume holders
- 33 Tikal dwellers
- 34 Useful hint
- 37 Eight, to Livy
- 38 "Bolero" composer
- 39 Europe-Asia range
- 40 Afire
- 41 Annoys
- 42 Roman naturalist
- 43 Zeus' shield
- 44 Urge
- 45 Athens rival
- 48 Bar sing-along
- 52 Hiker's aid (2 wds.)
- 55 Ryan or Whitman
- 56 — spumante
- 57 Gallop or canter

Down

- 58 — sanctum
- 60 Dregs
- 61 Bronte governess
- 62 Fishing net
- 63 Attention getter
- 64 Watches
- 65 Pop-up item
- 1 Hologram maker
- 2 Paris school
- 3 Mr. Goldfinger
- 4 Fr. holy woman
- 5 Plant books
- 6 Waterfall
- 7 Toss
- 8 Run in neutral
- 9 Hung-jury result
- 10 Get ready (2 wds.)
- 11 Clay pots
- 12 Chuck Berry tune
- 13 Faculty heads
- 22 Suffix for press
- 23 Back-fence yowlers
- 25 Moon ring
- 28 Underground chambers
- 29 Bread grains
- 30 TV knob
- 31 Here, in Le Havre
- 32 Legal rep.
- 33 Ankle-length
- 34 Cycle starter
- 35 Fleming of 007 fame

- 36 Pilot a ferry
- 38 Calibrates anew
- 39 Bone below the elbow
- 41 Nix
- 42 Not give up
- 43 Studio renter
- 44 Puppy noise
- 45 Cut too short
- 46 Pretends to be
- 47 Gambling stakes
- 48 Moss and Capshaw
- 49 "— vincit amor"
- 50 Wails
- 51 White bird
- 53 "Big-mouth" Martha
- 54 Heavy mud
- 59 Opposite of "paleo"

Yesterday's answer



Letters to the editor

If fast food workers want more money, they should earn it

Re: 'Better give in to fast food workers' demands ... or else' (Metro, April 21) Letter writer Alton Yee's reasoning for fast food workers to make \$15 an hour is asinine.

He's afraid they are going to spit in his food so he's willing to cop to their demands?

Thank God he's not a world leader or we'd be trading terrorists for cheeseburgers. Does he realize that all of the things he listed already happen on a regular basis? Perhaps, if fast

food workers want more money, they should try doing the best job they can do instead of being the biggest slacker they can be. Perhaps they should try and demonstrate that they deserve more money by actually doing quality work. And those who choose not to work hard, to call out, spit in food, make customers wait longer, etc., just because they "think" they "deserve" more should be fired. Any high school student can easily replace them. I think it's pretty simple. People with skills and education don't necessarily start out making \$15 an hour, why should fry cooks?

JENNIFER M CLARK, VIA EMAIL

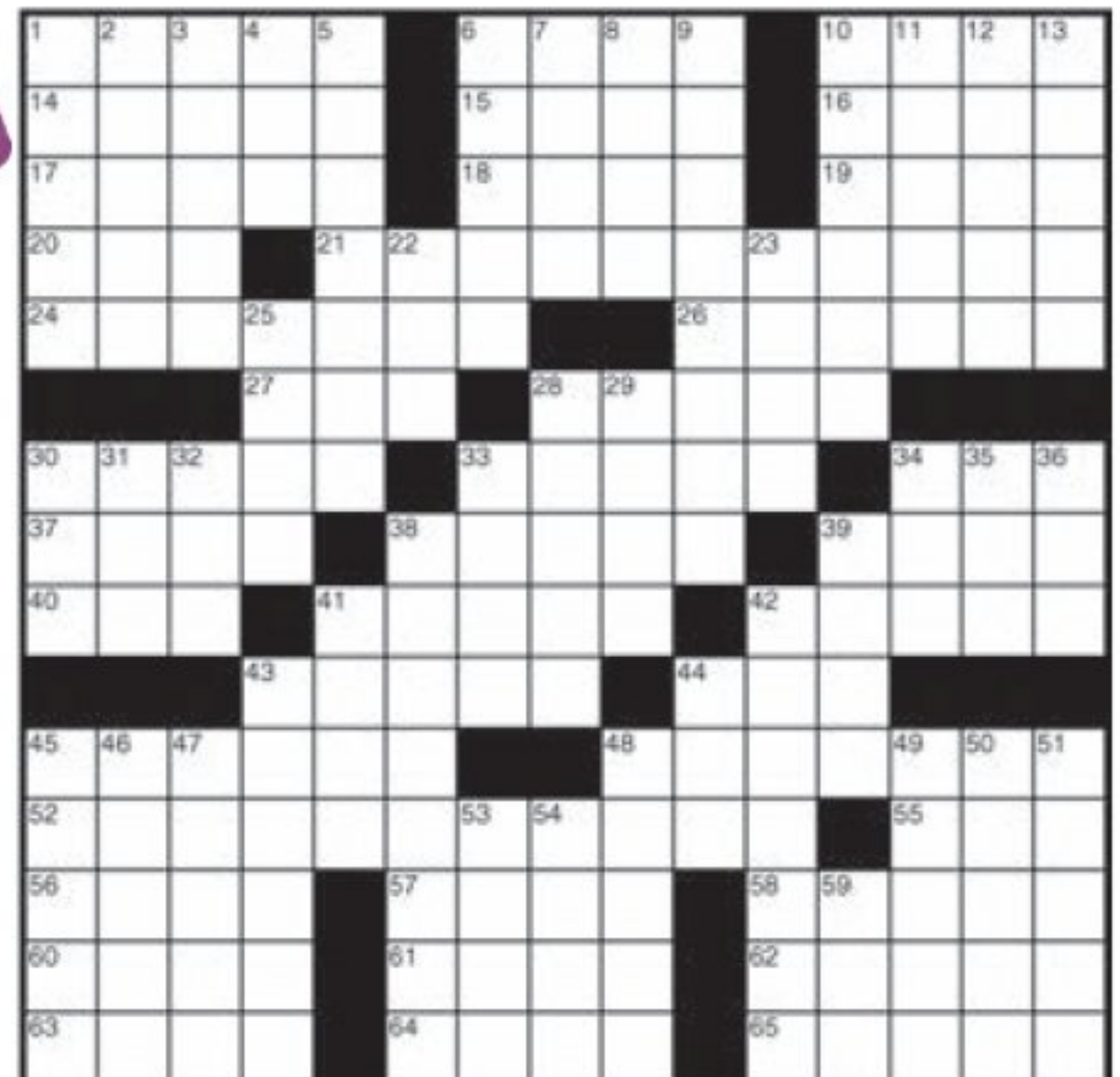
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NFL. The Eagles will play five games under the lights in 2015.

The Eagles have generated quite a bit of buzz this off-season, and clearly the NFL is banking on the team to deliver ratings.

The Birds play five games in prime time starting with the Monday Night Football season premiere on September 14th against the Falcons in Atlanta.

The Eagles have three straight night games during Weeks 6, 7 and 9, hosting the Giants on Monday Night Football and heading to Carolina to face the Panthers on Sunday night before their Week 8 bye.

After the week off, the Eagles will, surprisingly, get their second match

against rivals the Cowboys on Sunday night, November 8th.

Both of DeMarco Murray's games against his old team will be played before Week 9.

The end of the schedule is highlighted by the return of LeSean McCoy on December 13th and then two division games to wrap up the year against the Redskins at home in a Saturday night game followed by the season finale in New York after the new year.

Another late highlight is the Birds' trip to Foxboro to face the defending champs in early December.

The Birds will also be active on their second straight Thanksgiving game, starting the action at 12:30 p.m. in Detroit.



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Marquee national games

Here's a look at some of the other games we'll be watching:

- Opening night The Patriots have the

honor of opening the NFL season and will do so against the Steelers.

- Thanksgiving honor The Packers will honor

their record-setting quarterback Brett Favre at home on Thanksgiving night prior to playing NFC North division rivals the Bears.

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MLB Power Rankings | by Ryan Hannable

No. 1

Tigers
(11-2)

Detroit is off to a tremendous start to the season, and it's been both pitching and defense getting the job done. Their plus-34 run differential is the best in baseball, tied with the Royals.

No. 2

Mets
(10-3)

Who would've ever thought the Mets would have this type of start? New York has won eight straight games and is 7-0 at home. They have allowed just 3.15 runs per game.

No. 3

Royals
(10-3)

Like the Tigers, the Royals have a major league leading plus-34 run differential. Lorenzo Cain is having a great start, hitting .413 (third in the AL) and driving in 12 runs (tied for third in the AL).

No. 4

Dodgers
(9-3)

Returning home was just what the Dodgers needed, as they have rattled off seven straight wins. Adrian Gonzalez is still raking to start the year, hitting .469 and belting five homers, both leading the NL.

No. 5

Padres
(9-5)

The Padres are catching fire, winning eight of their last 10 games. Their offense has led the way. Over the first 14 games of the year, San Diego has averaged 5.21 runs per game.

No. 6

Cardinals
(8-3)

St. Louis is another team off to a hot start, as they have won five straight games. The Cards' pitching has been the story as they have allowed a ridiculous average of just 2.18 runs a game.

No. 7

Braves
(8-4)

The Braves are in second place, and that has come as a surprise to many as it was expected that they would struggle. Their pitching staff has been dominant, allowing 3.66 runs per game.

No. 8

Red Sox
(8-5)

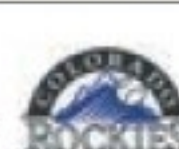
At one point this past week the Red Sox rotation had an ERA of 6.24, the worst in baseball. Their offense has carried them so far this season, and they will need the rotation to turn things around soon.

No. 9

Cubs
(7-5)

Prospect Kris Bryant was called up to the majors last week and has brought some excitement to the team. Now it's being reported another prospect, shortstop Addison Russell, is being called up.

No. 10

Rockies
(7-6)

Colorado has lost four straight games and is now no longer leading the NL West. Strangely, the team is 6-3 on the road but just 1-3 at home. DJ LeMahieu is second in the NL in average, hitting .444.

No. 11

Orioles
(7-6)

Adam Jones is pacing the O's offense as he's hitting .438 with five home runs and 16 RBIs going into play Tuesday. Baltimore will be looking to stay in the hunt as its injury-riddled roster gets healthy.

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Defending Kelly

Oregon coach says Kelly is "not crazy"

Eagles fans and NFL enthusiasts have been on the edge of their seats since the offseason began in March, due in large part to the bevy of unconventional moves made by Birds head coach Chip Kelly.

The latest of these, and perhaps perceived as the craziest move yet,



is their inking of Tim Tebow to a one-year deal Monday.

But Kelly's replacement as Oregon's head coach, Mark Helfrich, sees it differently than

many confused Philly fans.

"I think it's unfortunate that I've had to answer this question more than once: Chip Kelly is not insane," Helfrich, the offensive coordinator under Kelly for four seasons, told The Oregonian on Monday. "No, he's got a plan. He's got a method."

His "method" will hopefully become more apparent once the draft kicks off next week.

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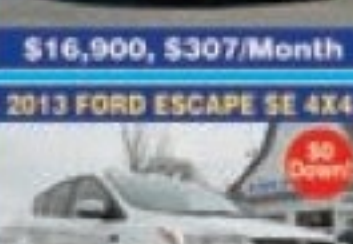
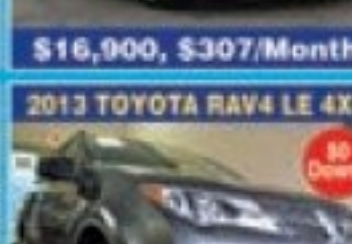
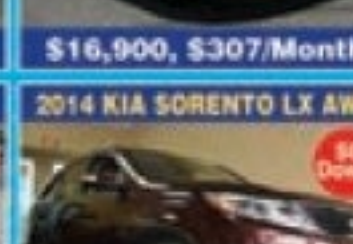
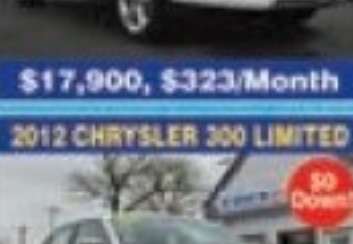
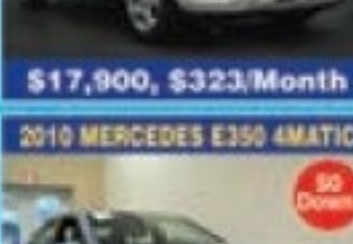
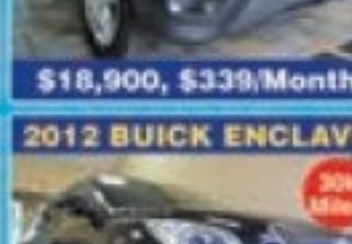
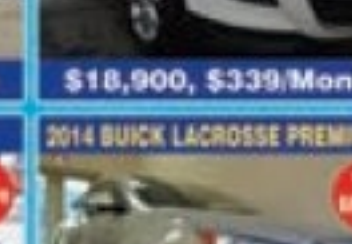
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The Union appear to be improving as they pair physical skill with mental strength. / GETTY IMAGES

MLS. The Union appear to be finding their footing and on the verge of breaking through.

As the Union (1-4-3) prepare to face the Columbus Crew (2-2-2) this weekend, there seems to be a noticeable change in the team's attitude since the start of the season.

In the past two weeks, the team has gone 1-1-1 and has jumped into a tie for sixth place in the East with six points overall.

In the two matches which gained them results, the Union scored a late winner and late equalizer. In their most recent match, a 2-1 loss to the New England Revolution (3-2-2), the team held a 1-0 lead in the first half before conceding two second-half goals.

Regardless, the team's resilient attitude is beginning to show and player

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to improve play, attitude

identities are starting to come to the surface.

"It shows a little bit of character," said midfielder Maurice Edu on the Union's late scoring. "It shows a resilience and a never-say-die attitude that we have in this group. The guys fought hard until the final whistle. ... I think, in the second half, we always felt like we had a goal in us. It's a credit to the guys to keep fighting hard and to get that goal."

The Union have now scored six goals in their past four matches after notching just three goals in their first four. Wins in the next two matches against the Crew and

struggling Toronto FC (1-4-0) could right the Union's early season struggles. Edu believes communication on the field is one of the key things the Union need to accomplish in order to take another step forward as a team.

"When you're more vocal, you're more in tune with the game," Edu said. "If everyone on the team kind of takes it upon themselves to be a little more vocal, it will help the team go a little bit further."

A lot of the communication struggles have to do with the injuries and roster changes that started the season for the club. Union's starter in

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"Overall the communication has to be better. If you want to be a successful team, that comes from everyone taking it upon themselves to be a little more vocal and to help the guy next to him." Maurice Edu

net to begin the season, Rais M'bolhi, was replaced by local product John McCarthy three matches ago due to M'bolhi's (0-3-2) record to start the season. C.J. Sapong, one of the team's top offensive weapons, suffered a concussion and facial fracture in the team's first game and has played in limited minutes since. Young midfielder

Cristian Maidana, who had one of the Union's all-time greatest goals over the weekend, has missed three matches to injury as well.

As players start returning from injury, expect a much better Union product on the field. Union manager Jim Curtin has been impressed by the recent play of Sapong espe-

cially, but he's not using injuries as an excuse for the team's early struggles.

"You know what you're going to get with C.J.," Curtin said. "He's going to work very hard. He does a good job holding the ball. He's athletic; he's a threat on set pieces, very good in the air. ... We have to be a team that can overcome injuries. The excuse of injuries and missing guys is a tired one."

The Union play in Columbus at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The match will air on The Comcast Network.

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Local standout

McCarthy sees his opportunity

Local product John McCarthy has proven to be a confidence booster to the Union. The former La Salle star was overcome with emotion in his post-game interview after a recent win. The Union newcomer has gone 1-1-1 in three starts.

"It's mental ground, that's what it is," he said. "You have to be mentally strong, and you have to be focused for 90-plus minutes. ... [The MLS] is high-paced; it's fast, and the skill is better. Being able to play against national and international players is such a big jump for me." JEFF MCMENAMIN

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